

CHAPTER NO. 294

HOUSE BILL NO. 688

By Representatives Sherry Jones, Langster, Brenda Turner

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1368

By Senator Person

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6 relative to providing certain psychological services to injured employees pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Law.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The General Assembly hereby finds and declares that the purposes of this act are to:

Promote the evaluation and adjudication of workers' compensation claims; and

Recognize the valuable and necessary services that can be provided by qualified licensed psychologists designated as health service providers to injured employees who are covered under the Workers' Compensation Law.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(a)(1), is amended in the first sentence by inserting the words "or psychological services" after the words "such nursing services" and before the words "as ordered by the attending physician".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(b)(1), is amended by deleting the words "surgical or" and inserting the words and punctuation "surgical, psychological or".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(b)(1), is further amended by deleting the words "surgery and dental treatment" and inserting the words and punctuation "surgery, dental and psychological treatment".

SECTION 5. All psychological or psychiatric services available under this act shall be rendered only by psychologists or psychiatrists and shall be limited to those ordered upon the referral of physicians authorized under Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(a)(4).

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 17, 1999


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 26th day of May 1999


DON SINGQUIST, GOVERNOR